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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH FOR  
SERAJGONJ INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

FOR NAC AGENCIES

SUMMARY: ADB MANAGEMENT PROPOSES \$325,000 EQUIVALENT  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) GRANT TO GOVT OF BANGLADESH  
TO FINANCE FOREX COST OF CARRYING OUT FEASIBILITY STUDY  
OF PROPOSED SERAJGONJ INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT, INCLUDING TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL,  
INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS. BASIC AIM OF PROPOSED  
PROJECT IS TO ATTAIN SUSTAINED INCREASES IN FARM PRO-  
DUCTION, EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME AND BETTER LIVING STANDARDS  
FOR POOR FARMERS AND LANDLESS LABORERS IN PABNA DISTRICT  
IN NORTHWESTERN BANGLADESH. USADB RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE  
NAC ACTION.

1. ADB DOC. R69-75 WITH ATTACHMENTS DESCRIBING PROPOSED  
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GRANT POUCHED ADDRESSEES 23 JULY. BOARD CONSIDERATION

SCHEDULED 12 AUGUST.

2. ADB MANAGEMENT PROPOSING \$325,000 TA GRANT TO GOVT OF BANGLADESH. PROCEEDS WITH FINANCE FOREX COST OF DETAILED PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE NATURE AND SCOPE OF PROPOSED SERAJGONJ INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND ITS TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL VIABILITY. UNDER BANK PROCEDURES, ALTHOUGH PROPOSAL PROVIDES FOR TA ON GRANT BASIS, IF LOAN RESULTS, EXCESS OVER \$100,000 WILL BE CONVERTED TO SUBSEQUENT LOAN. TOTAL COST OF PROPOSED TA IS ESTIMATED AT \$365,000 WITH GOVT TO PROVIDE \$40,000 OOCAL CURRENCY COST.

3. AGRICULTURE (MANILAY RICE AND JUTE) PROVIDES LIVELIHOOD FOR ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF BANGLADESH POPULATION AND CONTRIBUTES ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF GDP. AVAILABLE LAND FOR EXPANSION OF CEREAL PRODUCTION IS VERY LIMITED. MAIN EFFORT TO INCREASE PRODUCTION MUST NECESSARILY COME FROM MORE INTENSIVE CROPPING, APPLICATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGICAL INPUTS AND INCREASED IRRIGATION.

4. IN 1960'S, SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT IN CONCEPT OF INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT WAS CONDUCTED IN COMILLA DISTRICT INVOLVING IRRIGATION, RURAL WORKS AND USE OF COOPERATIVES FOR TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION. GOVT ADOPTED SCHEME AS NATIONAL PROGRAM IN OCTOBER 1970, BUT, WITH LIMITED MANPOWER AND RESOURCES AND OUTBREAK OF WAR IN 1971, LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE. HOWEVER, GOVT NOW INITIATING INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON A PHASED BASIS.

5. FOUR THANAS (THANAS ARE REVENUE AND POLICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS COVERING ABOUT 125 SQUARE MILES EACH) IN SERAJGONJ SUB-DIVISION OF PABNA DISTRICT ABOUT 100 AIRLINE MILES NORTHWEST OF DACCA WERE SELECTED FOR ADB PROJECT. IT IS ADJACENT TO CERTAIN THANAS IN BOGRA DISTRICT BEING CURRENTLY CONSIDERED BY IDA FOR SIMILAR PROJECT. IN SELECTING AREA, BANK CONSIDERED THAT (A) AREA PROTECTED FROM FLOOD BY IDA-FINANCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRAHMAPUTRA RIGHT BANK EMBANKMENT: (B) NO LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT IN AREA; (C) FOUR THANAS ARE CONTIGUOUS AND UNDER ONE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND; (D) ACCESS TO AREA ON YEAR-ROUND BASIS; AND (E) CHRONIC FOOD DEFICIT AREA BUT WITH EXCELLENT AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL.

6. BAISC AIM OF PROPOSED PROJECT IS TO ATTAIN SUSTAINED

INCREASES IN FARM PRODUCTION, EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME AND BETTER LIVING STANDARDS FOR POOR FARMERS AND LANDLESS LABORERS. FAMILY PLANNING AND RURAL EDUCATION ALSO INVOLVED. PROJECT OBJECTIVE TO BE ATTAINED THROUGH WELL-ORGANIZED AND COMPREHENSIVE RURAL INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK INCLUDING FARMERS COOPERATIVES. PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE (A) IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE, FLOOD CONTROL AND FEEDER ROADS; (B) DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPLEMENTARY ENTERPRISES; (C) CONSTRUCTION OF MARKETING, STORAGE, PROCESSING AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; (D) STREAMLINING OF SERVICES FOR CREDIT, INPUT SUPPLIES, EXTENSION AND RESEARCH; (E) ESTABLISHMENT OF REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND WORKSHOP FACILITIES FOR FARM EQUIPMENT; (F) TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS; (G) ESTABLISHMENT OF SELECTIVE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RURAL PEOPLE; (H) REVITALIZATION OF RURAL COOPERATIVE STRUCTURE; (I) STRENGTHENING OF GOVT'S ONGOING FAMILY PROGRAM (INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH CENTERS AND CLINICS); (J) PROVISION OF PILOT SCHEMES AND STUDIES FOR SELECTIVE APPROACHES TO SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRY, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, ETC.; AND (K) WELL-COORDINATED ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.

7. SERVICES OF INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING FIRM TO BE ENGAGED WITH EXPERTISE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATIVE PLANNING, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, HYDROLOGY, RURAL WORKS ENGINEERING, SOIL AND CROP AGRONOMY, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (INCLUDING RURAL INSTITUTIONS), RURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION, HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND FISHERY, LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES. THEN TO TWELVE EXPERTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE NEEDED FOR TOTAL OF 30 MAN-MONTHS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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8. GOVT INTENDS SET UP NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE TO MONITOR FIELD STUDY. COMMITTEE MAY BE SAME OR SIMILAR TO UNIT INVOLVED IN STUDY BEING CONSIDERED BY IDA AS SIMILAR PROJECT. MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATIVES WILL HAVE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCT OF STUDY.

9. PROPOSED PROJECT IS QUITE AMBITIOUS AND COMPLEX. IT AIMS TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON INCREASING FARM PRODUCTION, EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME, AS WELL AS IMPROVING INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND LIVING STANDARDS IN RURAL SOCIETY. POTENTIAL INSTITUTIONAL BENEFITS APPEAR PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE. HOWEVER, FEASIBILITY STUDY IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO ASSESS AREA'S RESOURCE

AVAILABILITIES AND TO DETERMINE DETAILED NATURE AND SCOPE OF PROJECT AND ITS TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL VIABILITY. STUDY SHOULD ALSO BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THAT OF IDA. USADB SUPPORTS PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NAC ACTION.

10. REQUEST DACCA'S COMMENTS FOR NAC AGENCIES, INFO USADB MANILA, PURSUANT TO STATE 119795 DATED 3 JULY 1972. SULLIVAN

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